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Valley students face tuition?

By Mike Eberts

Valley students may wind up paying upwards of \$2,000 per year in tuition if the Jarvis-Gann Tax Limitation Initiative (Proposition 13) passes in June.

Leslie Koltai, chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District, said Wednesday that passage of the stringent tax reform measure would cost the district \$96 million in funds. Unless the district receives more money from the state and the state Department of Finance has already said that California will not be able to replace all money lost from property taxes — tuition will have to be charged.

Koltai predicted that the district would lose 40 percent of its students if tuition were to be charged. That figure is based on the enrollment drop in New York community colleges when

they were converted to a tuition system. Dividing the \$96 million up among the remaining students, Koltai concluded that tuition would be about \$78 per unit, or \$2,340 per year for a full-time student.

Ken Palmer, dean of evening division, thinks Koltai's prediction of a 40 percent enrollment drop might be low. "I think our enrollment would drop to about zero," he said when asked how many students he thought would pay the estimated tuition.

Palmer said that many students in the evening program work during the day and have families to support. He doubted that those students could afford the tuition.

"I think we would be left with very, very few students," he said. "It would do us in."

But Valley may not have to wait for

the day when no students show up to be "done in." Linda Thor, spokesperson for the district said that some or all of the nine Los Angeles Community College campuses might have to be closed down.

Because the district has many permanent and tenured employees, the nine schools may just run until they're out of funds, unless another source of money is found, she said.

Another plan would involve keeping one campus open in the Valley, and closing the other two. In that situation, Thor said that Mission College would almost surely close and a decision would have to be made whether to keep Valley or Pierce College open.

The district's most optimistic plan calls for each school to decide which programs they want to keep, which would be cut, and which would have to

go. Thor said that programs with low enrollment or a high operating cost per student would probably be curtailed.

One man who doesn't seem to be losing any sleep over the possible problems of the community colleges is Howard Jarvis, the 75-year-old author of the tax reform measure. This may be because he doesn't have a very high opinion of community college students.

"I don't worry much about a place where students go to school for 20 years to learn how to knit," Jarvis said recently before a highly partisan audience at the Anaheim Convention Center. When asked how students were expected to come up with \$2,340 per year in tuition fees, he said, "They should try something new, and I can spell it out for them in four letters — W—O—R—K."

Lock your doors, campus crime is going up

By Melinda Cohen

The Hillside Strangler may, or may not be lurking the parking lots of Valley College, but petty crimes are threatening every student on campus.

Dave Campsey, Los Angeles Police Department Sergeant Detective said, "Anytime you have 200 hits in one year at the same location, that's a lot." He greatly believes that Valley has a major crime problem, but still thinks "(campus) security does a pretty good job."

Captain of campus security, Wally Gudzus has supplied statistics indicating that the amount of crimes committed, annually, has been on the incline.

In 1975, there was an increase of six reported crimes over the previous year, reaching a total of 177. In 1976, the total jumped to 209, reported crimes.

Last year, the number of crimes reported were 223, one of the worst years he can remember, said Gudzus.

Despite this incline, Gudzus feels this year will be different. "Personally, I expect it to be down this year. Enrollment is down and we put on more personnel."

As of Feb. 8 of this year, compared to the same time last year, there was a drop of 16 crimes. However, this appears to be a normal fluctuation in the records for the past several years.

Gudzus still doesn't feel that with 23,000 students on campus, these figures are high. Compared to Harbor College, East Los Angeles College, and Trade Tech, Valley's crime rate is relatively low, according to Gudzus.

Most of the crimes committed at Valley have been petty. The most common crimes have been thefts from

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Photo by Parker Seeman

Captain Wally Gudzus, Supervisor of Campus Security.

Cadillacs are cheap if compared with books

By Mike Eberts

At about \$5 per pound, college textbooks are more expensive than Jumbo Breaded Shrimp (\$4.39), Filet Mignon (\$4.09), or a Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz, with optional Moonroof (about \$2.65).

Although the high cost of textbooks hasn't started any fist-fights that we know of, it, nevertheless, seems to have a lot of people around Valley hot 'n bothered.

that "all bookstore managers are trying to do what they can to keep book prices down." But, Rizzo adds, with only a 20 percent mark-up on textbooks to work with, the Book Store has a small enough margin of profit.

Outside of the Book Store, repercussions from book prices are also being felt. Jean Pons, coordinator of the Financial Aid Office, who, among other things, screens students for Associated Student-funded book

Do people at Valley think the bookstore is a rip-off?

Possibly the group most affected by the emotional fallout of textbook prices has been the cashiers and attendants in the campus book store, who have to contend with the tears and tirades of their book-buying public.

"These people bitch about anything," says Peter Hanna, a book store worker, about Valley students.

Nanette Edwards, a cashier, says she sympathizes with students who come to her counter complaining about the price of books, but she also tells students "we can't do anything about it."

Claudette Burns, who runs the Buy-Back counter, feels that some students think the Book Store is getting rich at their expense. "I think the majority of people here think the Book Store is a big rip-off," she said.

Hanna seconded Burns' feelings: "Contrary to popular opinion, Mister (Joe) Rizzo (Book Store manager) does not drive a Cadillac."

Needless to say, it was a bit of a surprise when Rizzo said, "Who says books are expensive?" when contacted at his office.

Rizzo says the Book Store, which finished about \$100,000 in the black last year, really can do little in lowering the price of textbooks.

Rizzo, who heads the Southern California Association of Community College Bookstore Operators, says

loans, seems somewhat unsympathetic with students who find book costs prohibitive.

"I'm constantly surprised that some students will come to college without any thought or financial planning," she said.

Although some emergency A.S. book loans are available, Pons thinks the funds will run out soon and that some students won't be able to get loans — or books — as a result "because we run out every year."

Pons says that the Financial Aide Office has to turn away about 100 students each semester who request book loans.

A.S. only gives book loans to identification card holders who can show ability to repay the loan (i.e. to be able to show that they have money coming in).

When asked if these rules discriminate against the student who neither has money for books or an ID card, or has no job or other way to show an ability to repay the loan, A.S. President Joe Scardino said, "If someone can't afford an ID card, I can't really help, and if they can't show ability to repay...well, it's just not good business sense to give that person a loan."

Scardino thinks that, on the whole, educational costs at Valley are in line. "Education is expensive," he said. "We're just the cheapest form."

Warning, satellite crossing

By Ian Paige

Thousands of eyes are cast skywards.

Behind each pair is the desire not to see the exploded remains of an earth satellite burning and plummeting downward.

I'm not afraid of being hit in the head by the remnants of a telecommunications satellite but I am concerned with the possibility of nuclear debris being scattered across the landscape.

Immediate action should be taken to prevent the use of atomic power plants in space. The dangers are all too real.

On Jan. 24, a Soviet satellite, "Cosmos 954" fell to earth in the unpopulated tundra of northern Canada. Pieces of radioactive material, carefully collected, are now being studied in research labs in Manitoba.

Close on the heels of its crash came the announcement that "Skylab" is in danger of losing its orbit and falling to earth. Thankfully there is no nuclear power plant on board.

NASA and its counterpart in the Soviet Union should come to immediate agreement on regulating what type of powerplants are carried aloft in satellites.

Such an agreement could be added to the Strategic Arms Limitation Agreement.

American and Soviet reliance on satellite information has taken a quantum leap in the last few years and will continue to expand until space is literally cluttered with hardware beaming messages.

Recent Defense Department disclosures have said that one possible use for the Space Shuttle could be the retrieval of orbiting satellites.

Use of the Enterprise as a space garbage collector is an excellent one and should be taken advantage of as soon as possible.

The ability to pluck satellites with decaying orbits out of space could eliminate the chance of disintegrating radioactive metal cutting a path through our lives.

Another possibility is to develop an interceptor that would be capable of destroying any satellite before it reached a critical stage of orbit decay and threatened populated areas with its debris.

There are already too many discarded satellites floating around in space. Probably enough to fill Cal Worthington's car lot and maybe Felix Chevrolet, too.

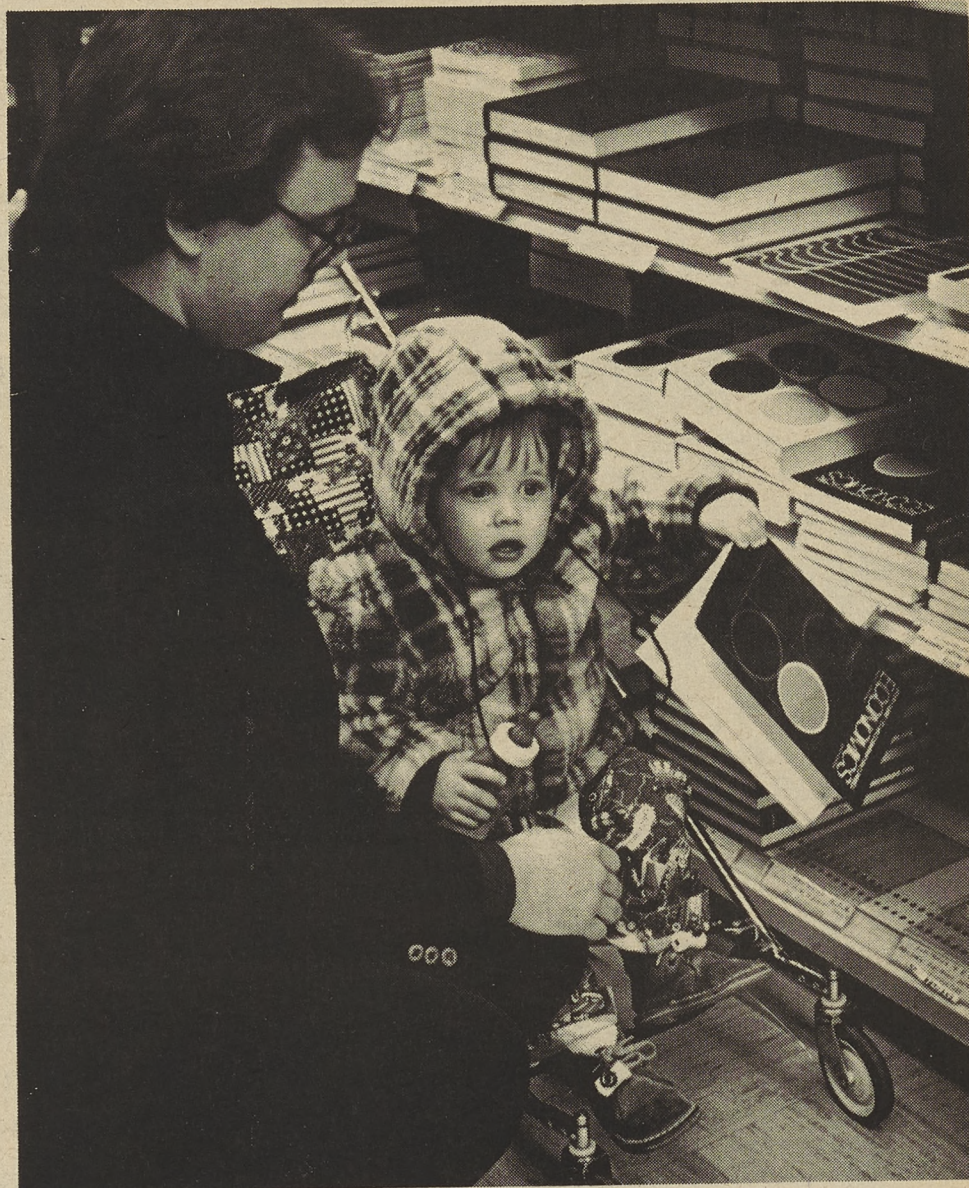


Photo by Parker Seeman

Preparing for inflation of the 21st Century, David Strehlow refers to an Economics test in The Bookstore as his father Mike looks on.

A.S. may find Edsel money-making vehicle

By Mike Eberts

I've got just the solution for sagging student identification card sales: A.S. government can give away an Edsel.

No, really.

Imagine the quantum leap in card sales if the A.S. gave each and every card-holder a chance at winning their very own Typhoid Mary of the auto world — a 1958 Edsel.

All right, maybe you're asking, "Wouldn't it cost the A.S. a small fortune to buy a mint-condition Edsel for a student drawing?"

Well, yes and no.

It would certainly be very costly to buy an Edsel in excellent condition. It would be even costlier to buy an old wreck and farm it out to different shops for restoration work.

There is another way, however.

If the A.S. beats the bushes a bit, they may find a wealthy alumnus who would be willing to donate an old Edsel. At the very least, the A.S. could find a local used car dealer that could give them a discount on an Edsel in decent shape.

Actually, an Edsel in decent shape wouldn't be terribly expensive — it's the refurbishing to near-perfection that costs money. Especially the labor.

This is where the A.S. can pull out its ace in the hole.

The West Valley Occupational Center in Woodland Hills has one of the most complete auto repair programs in Southern California — if not the most complete.

The center is constantly looking for cars of which students can use their new-found repair skills. Instead of taking the car through a string of expensive commercial shops and garages, the A.S. can have the full beauty treatment done at the center.

All the A.S. would have to do is shell out a few bucks on some good, rebuilt parts and sundry items, and — Voila! — they've got a nearly -new 1958 Edsel.

The center should be happy to do the work. Not only have they done restoration work before (for private parties free), but they should also be happy to receive the publicity that the project would generate.

Of course, there is the possibility that the "right" Edsel might not be available. Don't fret though — there are several other cars from the same general era that would suit the purpose just as well.

The most often asked question of 1948 Studebaker owners is, "Is it coming or going?" Not only would the Old Stude make an able substitute, it could add another suspenseful dimension to the drawing. The winning student could be made to explain (in 25 words or less) which end is the front, which is the back, and the reasoning behind the choice.

The 1959 whale-tail Cadillac would be another nifty choice. If the winning student finds operating costs a bit too steep, he or she can park their fine finned friend in the family den and become proud owners of the world's largest letter opener.

If all else fails, the A.S. can pull out all the stops and acquire a 1960 "Unsafe at Any Speed" Corvair. Ralph Nader says these eager machines will turn summersaults for you.

I'm sending a copy of this article to A.S. President Joe Scardino. He's got to love the plan — it's foolproof. After all, who wouldn't want their very own vintage Edsel, "Whale-tail" Cadillac, "Is it coming or going?" Studebaker, or "Unsafe at Any Speed" Corvair? Okay. Who else besides you?

Evening Events

Thurs., March 2, 8:30 p.m. "The Lady's Not For Burning," a romantic comedy. For reservations call 781-1200, ext. 318 or 319. Also March 3 and 4.

Fri. March 3, 7:30 p.m. Volleyball. Orange Coast at Valley.

Fri. March 3, 7:30 p.m. "Life and the Universe", a planetarium lecture. Also March 10.

Fri. March 3, 8 p.m., "Grassroots America" a folk ballet in Monarch Hall.

Thurs. March 9, 7 p.m. Gymnastics. Valley at Sacramento City.

Fri. March 10, 7 p.m. Gymnastics. Valley at Diablo Valley.

Sat. March 11, 7 p.m. Gymnastics. Valley vs. West Valley at Campbell.

Wed. March 1, 6:45 p.m. Ceramic Exhibition at the Valley College Art Gallery. Also March 2, 6-9, 13-16.

VC campus can be earthwormy place

By Mike Eberts

Valley College has worms.

I know, I've seen them. I first saw them in front of the Theater Arts building — maybe a hundred of them — slithering, wiggling, pulsating their way across the rain-darkened sidewalk in their earthwormy way.

The next evening, I saw more earthworms — over by the Art building.

I tried to tell myself that I wasn't really seeing earthworms; that I was seeing twigs given the appearance of life in the failing evening light. But I couldn't believe my own lie: What I saw in front of the Art building — and the night before, in front of the Theater Art building — moved. Twigs don't normally move. Earthworms move.

Somehow, I managed to come to school the next night. Somehow, I knew those earthworms would be there — waiting for me.

My evening class, in the Business — Journalism building, let out about 9:20. It was Thursday. The campus was dark, quiet, except for the footsteps and good nights of my fellow students.

Because I know few earthworms take evening classes, I walked from the Business-Journalism building, through the Life Science building, cut across the hall in the Humanities building, entered the deserted Campus Center, wound through its many halls, and exited near the Cafeteria. So far, so good. No earthworms.

But my pulse began to quicken. My breathing became rapid and unsure. My palms began to sweat. To get to my car in "D" parking lot, I knew I had to pass either the Theater Arts or Art building. The place where the earthworms — no, the twigs that move — live.

Wet footsteps slapping against the grey concrete, heart pounding against a goose-pimpled chest, blood flowing so fast and fierce in my body that I could hear it in my ears — this was

what my tactile senses perceived. I focused my awareness inwardly, because I was afraid of what I'd find if my eyes and ears focused elsewhere.

Then it happened. I tried to ignore them. I tried to avoid them. But I couldn't. It wasn't one earthworm, or two, or three, eight, 11, 19, or 27. It was zillions of them — zillions, I tell you.

I knew they were waiting for me. Somewhere, I thought, there was an earthworm in there with my name on it.

I readied for battle. I could feel adrenalin pumping. Every accelerated heartbeat brought me new and welcomed strength. I think the earthworms sensed this.

I could hear little earthworm nerves breaking earthworm screams, earthworm sobs. I meant business, they knew I meant business, and I knew that they knew that I meant business. We both knew.

They all cleared the sidewalk — or cleared it as best an earthworm can clear a sidewalk. All except one. A biiiiiiiig one. He must have been their leader.

Earthworm eyes and human eyes locked in a life-or-death embrace. We both knew this was it. I was representing the human race. He was the hope of earthworms everywhere.

His gaze moved, but it never wavered. He was sizing me up. I did the same with him. The campus was silent. Nobody around. There was no way out.

He made his move first. He reared back on his hind 48 legs, beared his hideously sharpened earthworm teeth, and growled a deafening, hair-raising earthworm growl. His muscles flexed. Obviously, this earthworm was no 97-gram weakling.

Then — with incredible quickness, brutish, savage force, and death-seeking accuracy — he lunged at me. So I stepped on him. Squish!

Crime on campus . . .

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vehicles in the parking lots.

"Stereos and CB's are the biggest items," according to Gudzus. Unfortunately, most of them are not recovered because they are hard to trace. Gudzus also said, "We never once caught a female breaking into a car."

Contrary to many beliefs, most of these crimes are committed in the daytime.

Although there hasn't been a rape committed for over five years, it's not unusual to hear of an attempted rape at Valley, said LAPD's Dempsey.

Generally during finals, it's normal to have bomb threats on campus, according to Gudzus. "We never

found a bomb on campus; we discovered fakes," he added.

The Hillside Strangler scare prompted campus security to offer an escort service to anyone who wished.

At night, there are at least two to three campus police in the parking lots. But what do some students think of campus security and the current crime rate?

Scott Delaplane said, "The number of crimes is a lot, considering there's only a small percentage reported. Campus police probably aren't visible enough."

"Security never looks like they're doing much," said Janet Anderson.



Slithering from every nook and crannie on campus, earthworms were a common sight after the recent rains.

Photo by David Polinsky

Let there be lights?

By Rosemary Ruiz

"Let there be light" is not to be on the Valley College tennis courts. Darkness shall prevail.

The basic problem is two-fold; money and energy.

Don Brunet, Dean of Administrative Services, said that lighted courts would be "very good to have on campus and that the district would not oppose it if the funds can be found."

He suggested that the installation could be done in phases and pointed out that the project was still in the seven-year master plan.

Three years ago the fixtures were almost as good as installed. The energy crises came and the lights went out.

Today, the energy problem is not the greater obstacle. Although the cost is now higher, Brunet said that more efficient lamps are available that use half the energy.

Money, and more precisely \$100,000 is the highest hurdle blocking the illumination.

Because lights would be more beneficial to the community use of

the courts, Brunet said that funding would be from the pocket of the Community Services budget.

According to Ray Folloso, coordinator of Community Services, funding for the project is a matter of priority and tennis lights are not high on the list.

"We had the lights in our hands," Folloso said referring to the energy-caused court blackout.

As time goes by, interest in the lights has waned and has been replaced by paddle tennis courts, handball courts, and the swimming pool. With the completion of the pool, paddle tennis has moved into the number one priority spot for future projects.

"The money is better spent on things that get lots of people active on the least cost," said Folloso.

He said that he was opposed to the pay for play suggestion. "It never works. There is no lighting program which pays for itself." Vandalism is one of the reasons for the cause of his opposition.

Night tennis at Valley, "Flick your Bic."

Faculty artists take talents to...

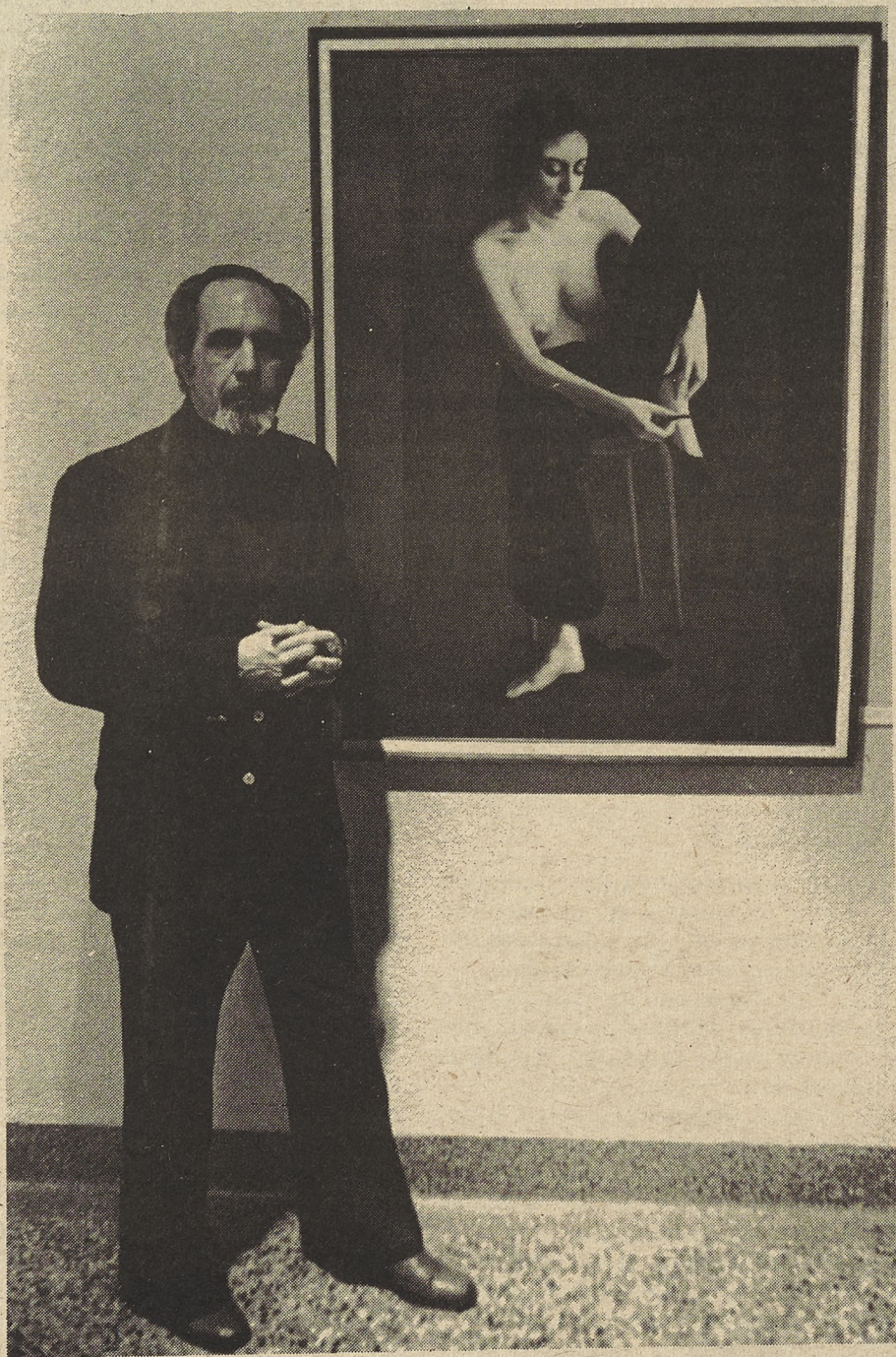


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Some examples of Valley College's Faculty Art talent were recently displayed in the Art Gallery. Upper left, a square photo of a round

rendering by Fidel Daniele; above right, a bust of Amelia Earhart by Ernest Sheuton; left, Flavio Cabral poses next to one of his offerings.

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